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SUBJECT: "More Light on the Subject" ... Information from the Extension home management specialist, U. S. Department of Agriculture

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A well known educator remarked - not long ago - that seventy-five percent of the nation's school children do not have an adequate place to study at home.

No mother will fail to meet this challenge if she can help it. And several home management specialists in state extension services have made suggestions as to just what is an adequate place to study.

The specialists are in agreement on three "musts" an adequate place to study should have. These are...good lighting...a comfortable place to sit...and a certain amount of privacy.

Wherever he studies at home...the child works better if his study materials are within easy reach. The ideal set-up is a desk with drawers and bookshelves nearby. But a box to hold pencils, papers and other supplies will be a convenience for the child who studies at the dining room table.

As for the lighting...the two main requirements are enough light and light of soft quality. For enough light...use bulbs of at least one hundred watts. These are less expensive than smaller bulbs. To get a light of soft quality use a lamp fitted with a diffusing bowl...if possible. Place the light as close to the work as it's comfortable.

Take it from the school child...'reading...'riting and 'rithmetic come easier...when you have a good place to study.

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